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10 AM Show and Exhibits opens for Public
10:30 YN Program and Auction (Room H)
11 AM Collecting Lincoln Memorial Cents - Charles Lambert
12 PM Collecting Lincoln Memorial Cents - Charles Lambert
1 PM YN Program and Auction (Room H)
1 PM Gold Mining by Confederate Mining Company - David Wheeler
2 PM Ancient Silver Coins History - Tom Wood
3 PM YN Program and Auction (Room H)
3 PM Collecting Obsolete Bank Notes - Vernon Vallance
6 PM Show closes
6 PM NCNA Awards Dinner & Membership Meeting

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11AM YN Program and Auction - (Room H)
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It has certainly been a short year. The State Show is finally upon us. We hope that the Members enjoy the information and the Show that we have put together for you . We have a great coin show and hope that you as a collector will be able to find everything that you need for enjoying the hobby. There will be a number of Seminars scheduled for Saturday. They are set for your enjoyment and education. We have many in the organization with knowledge that can help educate all. That is the great part of collecting there is always something to learn. Check out the schedule for the show and see if there isn't something that you can enjoy.

We will be moving the Show to Greensboro for the 2013 show. It will be to help others on the other end of the State and the surrounding area and will make it more accessible to the local Clubs and Collectors in the area. We will keep you posted as to the preparations.

The economy seems to still be on a slow pace and this may be affecting some of the show attendance. It is a good time to be looking into more of the education end and checking areas that have lower prices such as the proof and mint sets. We can build sets in areas like this without the high expense that collectors are facing just to add to there collections. Your local Club meetings can help with programs on collectibles from pocket change and things that you can find in local circulation. You may be able to find great things in pocket change. This will also encourage and educate the younger collector on what to look for.

Come on out to Hickory and enjoy the show. Take time to meet the dealers and the fellow collectors. These collector are where the true part of the hobby is. They are the ones that make the hobby. Share time with the volunteers. They have scheduled time to help so let them know the great job they are doing. Without them we would be lost.

It is your organization so take time and enjoy it.

We will see you at the Show for 2012.

Bill Brewer, President
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EDITOR' NOTES

Well another summer is winding down and it has been a hot one. Looking at the weather information that July was one of the hottest months. That I can attest to. The 54th NCNA Annual Coin Show is just around the corner. By the time that you receive this journal it will only be a week or so away. So make plans to attend this one on October 5-7.

In this Journal you will see the Candidates for 2013 NCNA Offices so read their info closely and don't forget to vote when you receive your ballots. Speaking of voting, the presidential race is in high gear and on this occasions don't forget to vote in this election.

We received a good article from Mark Benvenuto about "Are There Any Half Dollars Left?"

Bill Groom provided the article on "Older's Museum, Circus & Menagerie" and it is interesting.

NCNA is looking for help from local clubs for volunteer work when NCNA moves the Convention to Greensboro in 2013. If you live in that area and belong to a local coin club, please talk with the members and see if any help can be provided. NCNA can use all of the help they can get since there is so much in putting on a show for the collectors in this hobby.

As always be aware of your surrounding when attending or setting up at shows and be safe!!!

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CANDIDATES FOR 2013 NCNA OFFICES

The following are brief biographies of persons who have accepted nomination for officers and directors of the North Carolina Numismatic Association as of press time. Ballots will arrive in the mail by mid-September.

For President

JIM NEELY: Coin Collector since 1959, joined the Raleigh Coin Club in 1966. Attended NC State University, began for Eagle Coin & Stamp in 1977. Opened Cary Coin & Stamp in 1979, opened Fuquay Coins in 2000. Life Member of the ANA and NCNA. Currently President of the Fuquay-Varina Coin Club. Current member of the Board of Directors of the NCNA. I have a great passion for the hobby

For 1st Vice President

BARRY CIOCIOLA: I have been Past President for the NCNA, and currently serving on the NCNA Board for the past 17 years. I am currently serving on the BRNA Board and have been since 1999. I am currently serving as President of the Triangle Coin Club since 1996. I have written many articles for Numismatic News, Coin World, the Bank Note Reporter, the Greysheet, as well as the Greensheet for Paper Money, the NCNA Journal, as well as the BRNA Journal. I have given Grading Seminars for the NCNA & the BRNA. I am currently the head of the Educational Forum for both above mentioned organizations. I intend to stay heavily involved in Numismatics and have been a "Full-Time" Dealers since 1974. I have been actively promoting this hobby wherever and whenever I can. I currently operate "Sports Cards Plus Coins" in Durham, NC as well as run several mail order companies, such as "Large and Small Currency of America" "Liberty Seated Coins of America" also Americana Numismatics and also run "Coin Shows R Us" promoting between 10 to 12 Coins Shows a year providing collectors in NC, SC, VA, TN as well as GA ample opportunities to gather and buy and sell coins as well as helping local communities to organize clubs in several areas.

For 2nd Vice President

MIKE GRIFFIN: I have been collecting coins and currency off and on for most of my life with particular interest in Colonial's and Type Sets. I belong to ANA; NCNA, currently serving as a 2nd Vice-President and Bourse Chairman; Charlotte Coin Club, currently serving as 2nd Vice President; Lake Norman Coin Club, currently serving as Secretary; Tri County Coin Club, Kannapolis Coin Club, and Iredell Statesville Coin Club. I completed High School and two years of college in Business Management. I served in the United States Navy Reserve program for 26 years retiring in 1999. I worked for Bellsouth Telecommunications until May 2008 and currently contract back to AT&T part time as a consultant. I look forward to serving our State Club in whatever position you deem me most suited.
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CANDIDATES FOR 2013 NCNA OFFICES (Continued)

For Treasurer

RICHARD MCDOWELL: As a lifelong bibliophile, I began to specialize in numismatic books a dozen years ago when I began a career in dealing coins. Five years ago I joined the coin show circuit and this year my company will set up at over forty shows ranging from Florida to Michigan, from St Louis to Myrtle Beach. Three years ago, I opened a coin store in Tryon, North Carolina located in the western part of the state. The more I have participated in the coin industry the more I have gotten involved. I am currently a member of the SCNA, NCNA, GNA, TSNS, VNA, FUN, MSNS, PAN, ANA, BCCS, and the EAC. I currently sit on the Board of the SCNA and am the Editor of the SCNA's journal, the SCanner. I am also a founding member and current vice-president of the Spartanburg Coin Club. I see how other clubs operate, both on a state and national level, and the good things done in each. I would like to use my experiences and bring the best these clubs have to offer to help the NCNA as I seek to become a board member.

For Secretary

JERRY ZONCA: I was born in Detroit, MI and lived in that area until 1985 when I moved to Hudson, NC. Coin collecting was one of my hobbies while I was growing up, but I moved away from it until my relocation to NC. I joined the ANA in 1987, I received my 25 year award earlier this year, and joined the NCNA in 1990. I am currently a member of the ANS, NCNC, BRNA, MCC, JRCS, and the BHNC. I hope to continue as Secretary of the NCNA as I have enjoyed the challenge. Thank you for your nomination and your continued trust in me.

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As of July 31, 2012	
Balance brought forward from December 31, 2011	**$16,369.99**
Total Expenses	$12,628.82
Total Deposits	$14,366.35
Balance as of July 31, 2012	**$18,690.52**
2012 Show Receipts to Date	$10,690.00
2012 Show Expenses to Date	-$5,319.00
Balance**	**$5,371.00**

** Waiting on balance of receipts and expenses for Convention.

CANDIDATES FOR 2013 NCNA OFFICES (Continued)

For Directors

BILL BREWER: Statesville, NC - Current President NCNA 5 Years, Collector since 1988; Dealer since 1995; Awards: 1998 NCNA John J Pittman, 2008 ANA Presidential Award; President - Iredell-Statesville Coin Club, Vice President, Lake Norman Coin Club

GERALD CLARK: I have collected coins since early junior high. In my mid-twenties I decided to liquidate my collection, much to my regret at this time. I don't have a prominent focus in coins, but do like paper currency in off grades as it is less expensive and I don't collect strictly for value. I belong to the Charlotte, Lake Norman, and Kannapolis coin clubs. I am the President of the Kannapolis club and the Librarian of the Lake Norman club. I graduated from North Syracuse High School in 1966, spent 4 years in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1967 to 1971, and retired from BellSouth in 2003 with 32 years service. I now work part-time in the gift shop at Charlotte Motor Speedway. I have been married to my wife Linda for 36 years and have four children and seven grandchildren.

CHARLES GRAY: Current member on the NCNA Board of Director. I started collecting coins in the late 1960s. In 1994, I began working on coin shows and I continue to do so through the present date. I am a life member #158 of the NCNA and I am currently a member of the board of directors of the NCNA. I love collecting and looking at the history of US coins and wondering who had them last and where they have previously been.

CHARLES LAMBERT : My name is Charles Druey Lambert, Sr. My wife's name is Linda and my son is Druey, Jr. I was born in Burke County, NC in 1944 and have lived here all my life. My daddy gave me a Jefferson Nickel folder in 1961 and recommended I complete. I found two Jefferson Nickels I could use but

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For Directors (continued)

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ARE THERE ANY HALF DOLLARS LEFT?
By Mark Benvenuto

Despite the best commentary and the best wishes of our dear, elected leaders, it seems that the economic recovery is still farther away than we would like. Certainly, the price of gold remains high, and the price of silver doesn't seem to be dropping all that much. With tough prices looking back at the average collector every time he or she goes to add to a collection, you just have to wonder if there's anything good still out there that is affordable. For right now, let's ask and answer the question, "are there any half dollars left?"

When it comes to half dollars, let's be mildly irreverent, and just plain ignore the Kennedy halves. Sure, JFK was a beloved president, but the series of fifty-cent pieces that bear his likeness only have one, single year where there is a 90% silver coin to be snagged and brought into a collection. No, let's start with the Franklin halves. **Continued on page 13**

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OLDER'S MUSEUM, CIRCUS & MENAGERIE
by Bill Groom

Pardon A. Older was a well-known circus man during the second half of the nineteenth century. Perhaps the only circus man to exceed Older's fame was P.T. Barnum. They knew one another and were partners in 1872-73. The year prior, Older's horse barn had burned, and it's quite likely that Barnum came to his rescue in forming the partnership. They had previously been partners at times. Whereas Barnum had concentrated his business in the eastern states, Older was based in Independence, Iowa and mostly traveled about the Midwest. He had the reputation of being a generous man, and he was especially revered by his hometown folks.

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It's worth suggesting that if you go hunting for Franklin halves, if you go out there to try and beat the odds, in terms of tough economic times, that you do

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The YN ZONE works by giving the young collector the opportunity to earn YN credits for each activity. Each young collector can earn up to $15.00 worth of YN credits that can be exchanged for prizes. All prizes have been donated by the NCNA and sponsoring coin dealers.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate with their young collectors. The YN ZONE will be open Saturday (10am-4pm) and Sunday (10am-3pm).

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8-9	Raleigh, NC. Martin Building NC State Fairgrounds. Rare Coins of Raleigh. Stacy Silvers 919-790-8544
8	Norfolk, VA, VFW Post, 5828 Bartee St. Contact: Rusty Williams, PO Box 12403, Norfolk VA, Ph: 757-416-1535, cell: 757-416-3957
14-16	Charlotte, NC, Carolina Coin & Currency Show, Metrolina Trade-show Expo, Building C, 7100 Old Statesville Rd., I-77n Exit 16, Dot Hendrick PO Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605, 919-828-9450 FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION
22-23	Jacksonville, NC. Jacksonville Conference Center, 800 New Bridge St., Rare Coins of Raleigh, 4900 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 165, Raleigh, NC 27609. 919-790-8544 www.rarecoinsofraleigh.com
22-23	Savannah, GA. Coin Show - 95 Exit 102 . 175 Bourne Ave, Savannah, GA. 31322 "THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE MUSEUM" Hours: Sat 10AM - 5PM Sun 10AM - 4PM, Barry Ciociola, Email: NOTGELD@aol.com Phs: 919-656-3265 or 919-477-9703
29-30	Morehead City NC Carteret Numismatic Society 14th Annual Coin Show, Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell St., Morehead City NC Contact Rodney Goodwin 252-728-2727
28-30	Fredericksburg, VA Virginia Numismatic Association 2012 Convention & Coin Show, Fri & Sat 10:00AM – 6:00PM Sun 10:00AM - 4:00PM. Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center – 2371 Carl Dd. Silver Pkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. More info at vnaonline.org and fredericksburgexpocenter.com. Contact: Gregg Coburn: PO Box 824, Bealeton, VA 22712 - 540-272-1524 – coburngregg@gmail.com
October 2012	
5-7	Hickory NC, North Carolina Numismatic Association 54th Annual Show, Hickory Metro Center, 1960 13th Ave. Dr., SE Hickory, NC 28602 Contact: Mike Griffin PO Box 883 Monroe, NC 28111-0482
6-7	Myrtle Beach Fall Coin Show, Springmaid Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC, Show Contact: David Quante - 843-293-9000
20-21	Roanoke Valley Coin Show, American Legion Bldg., 710 Apperson Dr., No "Earlybirds", Contact: Will Camp, 540-943-CAMP
20-21	Wilmington, NC. Lower Cape Fear Coin Club Annual Fall Show, Show hours10-5 Sat., 10-3 Sun., Located 702 Pine Grove Rd. (Next to Municipal Golf Course) Contact Larry Debellis at ltcoins@aol.com or (910-471-2581)

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26-28 **Oct**	Greenville, SC. South Carolina Numismatic Association, 40th Annual Convention, TD Convention Center, 1 Exposition Dr. Greenville, SC, Contact: Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127, 803-530 -3668, 803-364-2726, chibbaro@mindspring.com
November 2012	
3-4	Goldsboro, NC, Wayne County Coin Club Show, Elk's Lodge, 105 E Chestnut St, Goldsboro, NC, Contact Walt Ehrhart, 919-965-4855
10-11	Raleigh, Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Holshouser Bldg, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, Dot Hendrick PO Box 12052, Raleigh NC 27605, 919-828-9450
17-18	Charlotte, NC. The Charlotte Christmas Coin Show. American Legion. 5651 Brookshire Blvd. Rare Coins of Raleigh 919-790-8544
24	Norfolk, Va., VFW Post, 5828 Bartee St. Contact: Rusty Williams, PO Box 12403, Norfolk VA, Phone: 757-416-1535, cell: 757-416-3957
24-25	Sevierville, TN. Coin Show, 200 Gary Wade Blvd., Sevierville Civic Center, Hours : Sat. 10:00 - 5:00 Sun. 10:00 - 4:00, Barry Ciociola, E-mail: NOTGELD@aol.com Phs: 1-919-656-3265 or 1-919-477-9703
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8	Cape Fear Coin Club, Honeycutt Recreation Center, Fayetteville NC, Mickey Smith, 104 S Second St, Spring Lake, NC 28390, 910-857-5445
8-9	Greenville, NC. The Greenville Original Coin & Currency Show. American Legion Post 39. 403 Saint Andrews Drive. Rare Coins of Raleigh 919-790-8544
15	Salisbury, NC, Rowan County Coin Club Show
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The above token is a form of shell card, having a cardboard-like center. Dated 1870 and being a bright, brass shell, it resembles in both appearance and size a $20 gold piece of that era. It was likely punched near the date to confirm that it was not gold. It was issued and circulated in 1870-71. Probably, less than a hundred specimens survive. This writer has seen but three in thirty or so years of collecting such items. This token features Madamoiselle Sanyeah who was a trapeze artist. The highlight of her performance was a so-called 100 foot "Niagara" leap. She was scantily clad

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and performed acts of strength and coordination that were not, in those bygone days, typically associated with the fair sex. Tokens such as these were handed out to townspeople in advance so as to generate word-of-mouth advertising. Other attractions of that time were Older's exhibit of the "Cardiff Giant" and the "horned horse." Older lived to the age of 85, and one can but imagine the stories he could have told.

North Carolina Numismatic Association
Member Clubs

The North Carolina Numismatic Association is a combined force made up by Member Clubs. Their purpose is to promote, encourage and educate collectors in the local areas. **Support your local Coin Club.**

For a **more detail listing** (i.e., time of meeting, location, contact, etc.) for the Member Clubs, visit the NCNA website at **www.ncnconline.org**.

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two things: buy all your Franklins in slabs, and look at them all carefully with your own two eyeballs before purchasing anything.

When it comes to finding the absolute least expensive of these fifty-cent pieces, start at the end, as it were. There were millions of Franklin halves produced in the latter years of the series, with tens of millions produced at both Mints for several years (there are no 'S' marked Franklins after 1954). Every date and mint mark from 1960 – 1963 is a common piece, and what is amazing is that in grades such as MS-65, the most common are still available for about $100 - $150 each. Now, if this is too expensive for you, drop down a grade or two. And if you choose to drop all the way to MS-60 pieces, you can even ignore our first rule, above. Slabs won't be needed when collecting the Franklins in grades such as MS -60, as their costs drop to about $20 per coin.

Going back farther, into the 1950's, does raise the price a bit for the average Franklin half. But that's where the true collector instincts kick in. Take your time to examine any number of pieces, and don't buy until you're sure you have found one you like, both in terms of price as well as eye appeal. It can be amazing what a little patience can do.

Stepping back farther, to the few years in the 1940's that started the Franklin series, doesn't mean you have to shell out a huge amount of money. Most will cost about $100 or so in MS-65 – although the 1949-D is always sure expensive in those higher mint state grades. Again though, patience in your collecting will pay off.

Now, while it's fun to simply assemble a date and mint mark set, and while it won't cost a fortune to get your hands on a decent set, there are some fun variations in the Franklin series that should not be ignored. The first are the full

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CUSTOMER / PHONE CALL OF THE WEEK

By Tony Swicer

1. A phone call- "I have an expensive collection of pennies, are you interested?" What dates are they? She says, "1959 and up". I said NO.

2. A lady calls, "I have heard that there is a rare nickel out there". I said that there was a 1913 V-nickel with an offer of $1 million. She says, "I have a 1978 nickel with Queen Elizabeth on one side and a beaver on the other, what is it worth?". I said 3 cents.

3. We get a call. "I have the 1913 V-nickel and your not getting it. My grandfather gave it to me in 1962, just before he went to prison for counterfeiting". OK !!

4. A guy comes in with a 1 oz gold eagle. Ray says, "I'll pay you $410 and sell it for $430". The guy says, "How about $425?". I busted out laughing because he wanted us to make only $5 on a $400 purchase, what a champ!!!.

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bell lines – aka the FBL – pieces within mint state. For those who have never delved too deeply into the Franklins, the lines on the Liberty Bell on the reverse did not always strike up clearly enough that each can be delineated. Some serious fans pay serious money for FBL examples. For those of us trying to keep our collecting on a tight leash, look around for slabbed examples of FBL coins. Some can still be affordable. The following dates: the 1955, the 1956, the 1957 as well as the '57-D, the 1958, and the 1958-D are all dates and mint marks where an FBL example will cost between $80 and $150. That's pretty good when you consider that these are pretty scarce in every year of issue.

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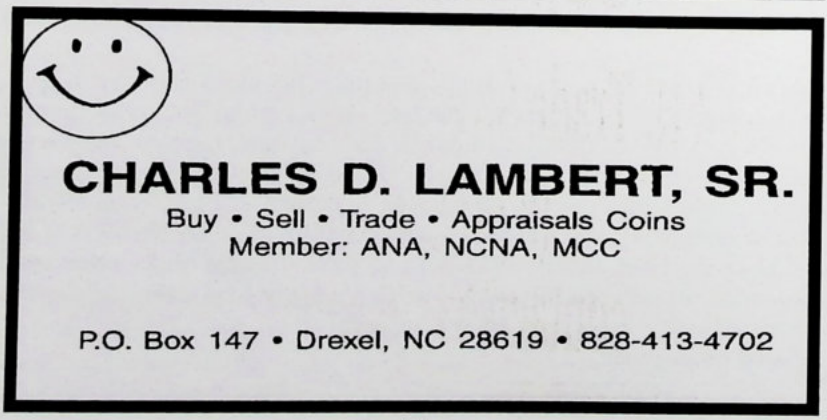
The other fun direction to take any collecting of Franklin halves is to the proof coins. Believe it or not, there were over a million proofs made for several of the years of this series. That translates into some very good prices today. Start, for instance, with the 1963 in PF-65. Look through any price guides you'd like, and you'll see that this is about a $50 coin. That's remarkably good when you consider what you are getting, the best of the mint master's art, and an almost fifty year old coin.

After you've looked at a single proof, and considered adding it to your growing collection of Franklins, go back further, one year at a time. My suspicion is that you will be pleasantly surprised several times.

Yes, the economic recovery may still be in the future. Yes, the prices of gold and silver right now remain high. But look deeply into the Franklin half dollar series, and you may end up saying, "yes!" to a downright beautiful set of silver fifty-cent pieces that you can call your own. Good luck on your own, personal hunt.



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19 Oct 1872	World's largest gold nugget (215 kilograms) found in New South Wales.
29 Oct 1982	Discovery of a large silver coin hoard in New Orleans' French Quarter during an excavation.
3 Nov 1620	King James grants the royal charter of New England reserving for the crown one-fifth of all gold or silver mined by the Colony.
06 Nov 1792	George Washington declares coin shortage at an end with striking of first half dimes
26 Nov 1807	Tennessee Legislature charters Nashville Bank, first in state.
7 Dec 1941	Everyone should know this date . Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, Hawaii which brought the United States into World War II.
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